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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q60971

Frank STEEGMANS, et al.

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Examiner: Philip B. TRAN

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For: METHOD FOR ACCESSING A SERVICE PLATFORM VIA AN INTERNET
BROWSER SESSION

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was mailed to Applicant's Representative with the Notice of Allowability dated March 10, 2006. The PTO-413 requires the Applicant to file a Statement of Substance of the Interview. The Statement of Substance of the Interview is as follows:

The telephonic interview of March 10, 2006 was initiated by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner contacted Applicant's Representative with a proposed Examiner's Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-4, 6-16, and 18-21 are allowed, provided Applicant cancels claim 17. Substance of the claims were not discussed. Applicant's Representative agreed to cancel claim 17, as proposed by the Examiner. Accordingly, claim 17 has been canceled by way of Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowability mailed March 6, 2006.

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It is respectfully submitted that the instant Statement of Substance of Interview complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." As the Interview Summary is attached to the Notice of Allowance and as such Statement of Substance of the Interview is not failure to engage in reasonable efforts and does not substantially interfere with the patent issue process. Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated March 10, 2006.

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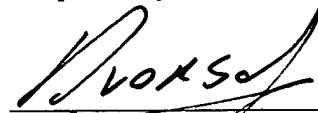
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